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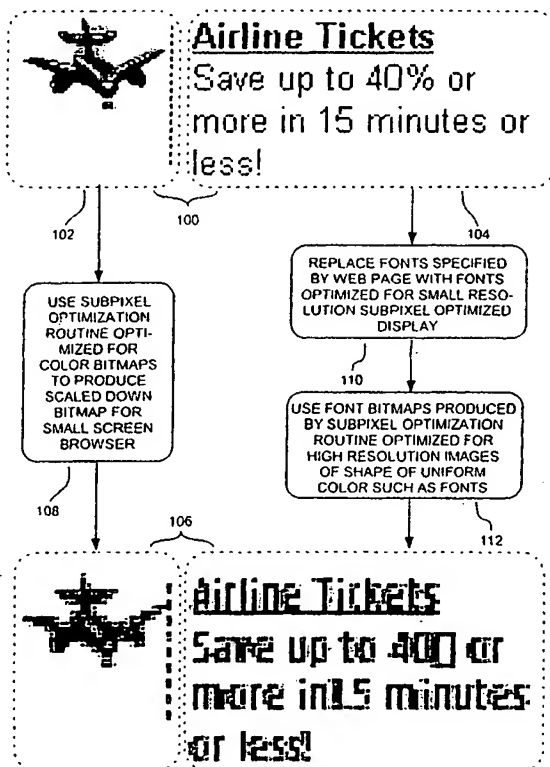
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(54) Title: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND PROGRAMMING FOR PRODUCING AND DISPLAYING SUBPIXEL-OPTIMIZED FONT BITMAPS USING NON-LINEAR COLOR BALANCING



(57) Abstract: A method of producing a sub pixel resolution representation of a shape suitable for display on a sub pixel addressed screen. The method comprises producing a scaled sub pixel optimized image of a bitmap image by associating a luminosity value with each sub pixel of the scaled image as a function of the percent of the area of the sub pixel's area in the image that is covered by the shape and a color balancing function designed to distribute a portion of a sub pixel's luminosity value that otherwise would cause color imbalance to nearby sub pixels of different colors. The percent of a sub pixel's luminosity values that is so distributed is a function of the percent of the sub pixel's luminosity value, which causes color imbalance. An advantage is that it reduces the amount of luminosity value distributed for color balance purposes to approximately only that amount which is necessary to achieve color balance, and increases the clarity of sub pixel optimized images.

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